

# THE TELEGRAPH.

Office 126 Main Street, ASHTABULA, OHIO.

Friday Morning, Aug. 20, 1880.

## Republican National Ticket.

Election Tuesday, November 2, 1880.



For President,  
**GEN. JAMES A. GARFIELD**

OF OHIO.

For Vice-President,  
**GEN. CHESTER A. ARTHUR,**

OF NEW YORK.

## Republican State Ticket.

Election Tuesday, October 12, 1880.

For Secretary of State,  
**CHARLES TOWNSEND, of Athens.**

Judge of Supreme Court,  
**GEORGE W. MULLAINE, of Tuscarawas.**

Clerk of Supreme Court,  
**DWIGHT CROWLEY, of Ashtabula.**

Member Board Public Works,  
**STEPHEN H. HOSMER, of Washington.**

School Commissioner,  
**DANIEL F. DEWOLF, of Summit.**

## Republican District Ticket.

For Congress.

**EDWARD B. TAYLOR, of Trumbull.**

For Elector,  
**SAMUEL H. ROUSE, of Lake.**

For Common Pleas Judge,  
**H. B. WOODBURY, of Ashtabula.**

## Republican County Ticket.

For Sheriff,  
**A. W. STILES.**

For Auditor,  
**ELERY H. GILKEY.**

For Recorder,  
**H. A. WALLING.**

For Commissioner,  
**CALVIN DODGE.**

For Surveyor,  
**BURT BART.**

For Infirmary Director,  
**KIDNEY LUCK.**

For Coroner,  
**NOAH HOSKIN.**

The well known piano tuner, Lorenz

Wait will be in town in a few days. All

orders to be left at John Duery's Furniture

store. All work warranted.

According to the Cincinnati Gazette,

General Hancock in 1880 wrote to Hon.

S. T. Glover of St. Louis, "endorsing the

platform and candidates of the Democrat-

ic party of that year, which platform de-

clared all the constitutional amendments,

the enfranchisement of the negro, and

the entire work of reconstruction null and

void. The letter also endorsed Frank

Blair's letter to Broadhead advocating

sending the army south to undo the work

of reconstruction." This shows that, if

elects, Hancock will be a subservient

tool of the southern democrats in their

work of wiping out all the war legisla-

tion.

The papers that assert that Garfield

draw his back pay under the salary grab

law are guilty of bearing false witness.

He never drew it, or handled it, but at the

proper time covered the amount accredited

to him under the law into the Treasury.

He voted against the measure in all its

phases, and opposed its passage, and only

when it was taken on to an appropriation

bill, the defeat of which would have in-

volved an extra session of Congress, did

he, as a member of the Conference Com-

mittee, assent to its passage. But he never

profited by it, and never intended to.

He took counsel of his friends, and all

advised him to the course he finally adopted,

believing an extra session would involve

a larger expense to the country than the

total of extra pay. It is useless to twist

the facts concerning the salary grab to

make it appear that Garfield took any part

in forcing it through Congress. His rec-

ord on that subject is clear and satisfactory.

The RESULT of the Congressional Con-

vention at Warren though not what we

hoped for, it is not, by any means, such as

we are disposed to take seriously to heart.

With most of the voters of the county,

we preferred that one of the two candi-

dates of this county might take the nomi-

nation. So far as we were advised, neither

the friends of Northway or Howland car-

ried personal preferences so far as to de-

measure upon those of Mr. Northway, and that all their strength should be thrown for Judge Taylor, which was the most effective step to defeat Mr. Northway. The result was as anticipated. Judge Taylor was nominated on the eighth ballot, even after withdrawal and the chance for an Ashtabula nominee was lost. To this condition of things we are reconciled by the personal popularity of the nominee. His qualities of mind and heart put him beyond question as fitted for the position. In all that has been said of him in the campaign these qualities stand out admitted and approved by all. We can only hope, therefore, that his rare abilities will sustain him, and in no case that the pride of the district be humbled, or the lustre of her representative be in any way dimmed.

## CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION.

No. 11

A great deal is said in regard to a change in administration, and the idea is advanced that any change must be for the better.

I propose to consider what such a change means, as public service and political parties now exist.

As generally understood it involves the removal of one set of men—the appointees of one political party, and the appointment of another set. An example of it on a small scale was set by the party which ascended to power in the lower House of Congress in 1875.

Almost every officer from Sergeant at arms, clerks and doorkeepers down to pages were turned out and for some time the utter confusion prevailed.

Many of the new appointees were totally unfit for their work and were pronounced by their own party as "unfit to clean spittoons." The demand for office was so fierce that many crippled Union soldiers and the public interests suffered for many months.

A change on a much larger scale would at once take place if the administration were changed.

Some 80 or 90,000 public servants would at once be discharged and their places filled by untried and inexperienced men.

It would be like the discharge of all the Rail Road men in the country, and the appointment of new men to fill their places. We can imagine the effect on Rail Road interests if every employee from Superintendents, Conductors, Engineers, etc., down to breakmen and baggage men were all at once superseded by new men. Nothing more disastrous to rail road interests could occur. If here and there changes are made, and new men all carefully selected, no one suffers, but sweeping changes must be disastrous.

The affairs of government have become so complicated that the greatest skill and efficiency is required.

For many years all the government employees have been carefully selected, and all have been under the strictest discipline and held to a rigid accountability.

The efficiency of the various departments was never so great as now.

Look at the Internal Revenue Department for instance, in collecting the last 485 million dollars, not one cent has been lost or dishonestly retained.

It is very evident that any change in this department would be for the worse.

So in the Post Office Department. How could the places of the hundreds of route agents, who handle the mails with such dexterity and precision in the postal cars be filled if vacated for a sweeping change?

So in the Patent Office—the Pension Bureau—the Treasury Department, and all the other departments. There are thousands of men, who, for a meagre salary have grown gray in public service, whose experience and skill are almost indispensable. But, however skillful, however indispensable, and however small the salary, the loud and authoritative clamor for places should be hushed till every place should be filled by the victors. Do the people desire a change for the sake of this?

Are they ready thus to imperil the great interests so dear to every American? But it will be said that every reasoning would never allow of a change, and would prevent the *outs* from ever coming in.

It certainly should be so, unless some civil service rules are made by Congress to prevent the indiscriminate removal of faithful public servants by any party. Without some positive reform in the civil service it is impossible to make any change.

If the dominant party in Congress would enact suitable laws in reference to this matter—laws that would make the terms of office depend on faithfulness and efficiency, rather than political favor, it would do the public a great service, and it is self honor.

The Republican party once established a very good set of rules, but for lack of means to carry them out they are now a dead letter.

Those who clamor for change should reflect that such change would endanger many other, and perhaps even greater, interests than have been mentioned. Wholesale charges of corruption, extravagance and dishonesty are made by the *outs* against the *ins*, and it is very easy to make them, but where do these crimes exist? Who tolerates such fraud and dishonesty? Many attempts have been made to uncover some wrong, but thus far, absolutely nothing can be found. Thirty-three committees have been raised by Congress to search—and they have done it most thoroughly and persistently, at an expense of half a million dollars, but with perfectly barren results. All the sweeping charges of official corruption and dishonesty against government employees are false and groundless. The government business is conducted and managed with more strictness than ever before—not on account of the superior honesty of the dominant party, but because of public demands and necessities. Years of experience have taught public men better ways than were followed thirty or forty years ago. Then it was found that from five to twelve dollars per month could be stolen by dishonest officials. And for such fraudulent practices Van Buren's administration was hurried from power by a thunderbolt of popular indignation. Since that time the percentage of stealing has been gradually lessening

until now it is almost a cipher. But any sweeping change, such as is contemplated by the Democratic party today, would cause it to mount up again at once. HON.

## NEW YORK LETTER.

This week the census returns have been put in shape by superintendent Adams for forwarding to Washington. They show the population of the city to be 1,203,823, an increase of 201,531 over the census of 1870. As in nearly every other city in the Union, there has been numerous complaints from individuals that they have been overlooked by the enumerator. In one instance the charges were investigated, and it was found that the enumerator had not gone from house to house as required by law. This district was immediately re-taken, but strange to say, the next and true enumeration varies slightly—not more than forty or fifty—from the spurious enumeration that has been returned. The delinquent enumerator will be prosecuted under the twelfth section of the census act, which provides for a fine not exceeding \$5,000, and imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Dr. Tanner is still the subject of much discussion. Apparently he proposes to make up for every meal lost in the forty days, as he has taken a square meal every half hour or so during the week, having gained nearly thirty pounds during that time. Notable facts now fill the columns of many papers, but in nearly every instance cited the faster has not survived the ordeal. It is claimed by many that no good has come of Dr. Tanner's successful attempt, that it has not upset any fundamental opinions generally accepted by physiologists. It has exhibited the great power of the human will in carrying the physical organization through a terrible crisis, and the almost superhuman resistance which can be offered to an exhaustive strain upon the nervous system. It has brought to light the amazing capacity of the stomach under good conditions for immediate recuperation after prolonged abstinence from food. The meagerness of the results is mainly due to the crude and hap-hazard manner in which the case was watched and studied.

Many of the papers complain that it is melancholy to reflect that a human being should have undergone such suffering and displayed such magnificent grit without accomplishing any useful purpose. So far as Dr. Tanner himself is concerned, he has accomplished a very useful purpose. Offers of lucrative employment pour in upon him, the last of which is \$1,500 per week to lecture from ocean to ocean. Should he accept this, as doubtless he will, it ought to show that he looked well to the result before he attempted his self imposed task, and saw the great good he would derive from it, if it did not change the scientific views of other physicians.

Among the results of popular indignation against careless and incompetent steamboat owners and officials, is the indictment for manslaughter of the owners and officers of the Seawanhaka, the sound steamer whose awful story is still fresh in memory. All of these gentlemen who are now in the city have been placed under bonds to appear at the next term of court. They treat the matter as a jest and openly say that the finding of an indictment will be the beginning and the end of all criminal proceedings against them.

John Busch, to whose heroic conduct so many of the passengers of the Seawanhaka are indebted, is to receive an acknowledgment of his services from the United States Government. The officials of the Treasury Department who constitute the Board to award the Congressional medal to brave deeds, only await the necessary affidavits to give Mr. Busch the gold medal awarded in such cases. The law requires that witnesses of the deeds, or those aided in escaping from peril shall make oath to the same, and that the District Attorney, or collector of the port shall certify that the affidavits are credible persons. Upon the testimony and the services rendered depends whether the award shall be a gold or silver medal.

## SNAKE KILLING ON THE CATS-KILLS.

NEW YORK TIMES.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Perhaps the worst snake den in the Middle States is on the Upper Sawkill, Ulster County, among the foothills of the Catskills. It is said that copperheads and adder snakes are so thick in that region that in some places they seriously interfere with the raising of crops. The farmers say that they do not dare to cut the hay and grain from certain fields until they have adopted all kinds of measures to exterminate the reptiles. Not long ago a farmer named Eugene Britt found a den of serpents among which were vipers, horn-tail adders, gray adders and pitvipers, in an old worked-out flag stone quarry while he was picking blackberries. They were all coiled together, and when he disturbed them they made a terrible hissing, he and an Irish boy named Andrew Ryan, who was with him cut a stout hickory switch, and began the work of destruction. One cut of the switch sent a copperhead flying into the air, and another cut a horn-tail viper. They killed thirty-five of the reptiles in less than a quarter of an hour. The snakes were of all sizes from the six-foot white-colored ringer to the ringed adder of twelve inches which took refuge in their mother's stomach at the approach of danger. The farmers in that neighborhood say that they can detect the presence of snakes in a field by giving a quick shrill whistle when they raise their heads above the grass so they can be seen. One day, not long ago a tramp applied to a farmer on the Sawkill for work. He was informed that the only work to be done was to straddle a field of oats, and they were afraid to do it on account of the field being infested with copperheads and pitvipers. He laughed at them, and said he would reap the oats, and wouldn't ask any extra pay for it either. He then called for a piece of sheepskin with the wool out. This being brought, he bound it about the legs as high up as his thighs. Then he took the cradle and went to work in the field as if there had never been a snake in it. When he had finished the job, however, he had slaughtered every snake in the field, eighteen in number—all pitvipers and horn-tail adders. He had also killed a copperhead and had five snakes fast in his plait about his legs, where they had caught fast in the wool with their fangs when they struck at him. Several of these the tramp brought to Kingston and exhibited on the streets. This idea of binding something generally a thick wad of straw, about the legs has long been practiced by the farmers as a protection when they are to reap or reap in a field infested with snakes. The reptiles strike their fangs into the straw, which generally holds them, the giving the farmer a chance to cut them in

with his scythe. Copperheads are the worst snakes that farmers in this part of the country have to deal with, as unlike the rattlesnake they give no notice of warning, and oftentimes the first a person knows is when they strike, which is usually about the lower extremities. Their bite is very poisonous, and almost certain to cause death. No remedy is known for the venom but immediately to cut the wound out with a keen-edged knife before the poison has a chance to spread through the circulation. The farmers of late years have adopted a plan of turning their hogs into the fields as soon as the crops are gathered, and if the hogs are allowed their own way they will soon exterminate everything in the shape of a snake.

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